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Forming an Isolation Trench in a Surface of a Silicon Wafer, Methods of
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Forming an Isolation Trench-Isolated Transistor, Trench-Isolated Transistor,
Trench Isolation Structures Formed in a Semiconductor, Memory Cells and
DRAMS

RESPONSE TO JUNE 25, 2002 TELECONFERENCE WITH EXAMINER

To:

Examiner Thien Tran, Group Art Unit 2811

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to a teleconference with the Examiner on June 25, 2002, Applicant remarks as follows:

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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are in the application for consideration.

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During a teleconference on June 25, 2002, the Examiner indicated to the undersigned that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had not received the Response to October 12, 2001 Office Action filed by Applicant on October 26, 2001. Therefore, attached to this Response are copies of said Response to October 26, 2001 Office Action and accompanying documents filed by Applicant on October 26, 2001, including:

Return Receipt Postcard with stamp of the PTO showing receipt of said Response to 10/12/01 Office Action (said postcard is readable, but cannot be legibly copied due to irradiation by the U.S. Post Office following the events of September 11, 2001

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Given the above, Applicant hereby claims that proper and timely response to the Office Action of October 12, 2002 has been established, and therefore, it is requested that this application proceed to further prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6/27/02

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